

# Town of Natick

## Recycling and Trash Collection Guide For Residents

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Dear Natick Residents,

The Town of Natick and the Natick Recycling Committee are providing this guide to assist you with proper disposal methods and collection for the **Pay-As-You-Throw** weekly solid waste collection, alternate week **recycling** and other disposal programs provided for town residents.

The Natick Department of Public Works will continue to collect solid waste, which is transported and disposed of at the Millbury incineration plant. All trash must be in approved blue Town of Natick bags **or it will not be picked up**. The Town of Natick will be taking over the curbside recycling program starting August 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 each resident will receive a 96 gallon tote (New recycling container with 2 wheels) that will be delivered to each household by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We strongly encourage residents to recycle because doing so reduces the cost of trash disposal.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding solid waste and disposal in the Town of Natick.

Sincerely,

William Chenard  
Director of Public Works

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Under Departments,  
click Public Works

## NATICK RECYCLES ON ALTERNATING WEEKS

All recyclable material must be placed curbside by 7AM on the same day as your trash collection. The Town Of Natick will be taking over curbside recycling beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 information will be sent to residence regarding any changes and the delivery of new recycling containers. For problems with trash, recycling, or bulky waste pick-up, call Sanitation @ 508-647-6562.

## TOWN OF NATICK'S PAY-AS-YOU-THROW (PAYT) PROGRAM

All households in Natick must use Natick's Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) blue trash bags for all household trash. Pick-up of large items that do not fit into one of the bags requires scheduling through our bulky waste collection program. The Town of Natick PAYT bags are priced at \$1.75 for a 33-gallon large bag and \$1.00 for a 15-gallon small bag.

The PAYT bags are sold in rolls of 10 and are available at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Honey Farms
- Jones Drug Inc.
- Lil Peach
- Roche Bros. Supermarket (Natick)
- Stop & Shop Supermarket (Natick)
- Tilly & Salvy's Bacon Street Farm
- Hometown Paint and Hardware
- Donelan's Supermarket (Wayland)

# TOWN OF NATICK

## 2013-2014 Recycling Collection Calendar

JULY 2013						
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JUNE 2014						
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**Shaded weeks** are green bin pick-up and non-shaded weeks are blue bin pick-up. Call 508-647-6562 to find out if you live in a blue bin or green bin neighborhood. See page 4 for specific days (circled) when Yard Waste will be picked up curbside. Days in black are holidays and there is no recycling, bulky waste or trash collection. Monday holidays WILL NOT AFFECT your regular trash day. Thank You for Recycling!



# Natick Recycling Information

*Recycling – It's easier than you think!*

Think recycling is hard or confusing? Well, good news! Recycling requirements have changed over the years making it even easier for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped into the curbside bin. For more, go to [NatickRecycle.pbworks.com](http://NatickRecycle.pbworks.com)

Did you know...?

Massachusetts law prohibits the disposal of the following items in your trash:

- Paper and cardboard
- Bottles and cans
- Leaves and yard waste
- Car batteries
- TV's and computers
- Large home appliances

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.



## Your efforts continue to make a difference! Keep up the good work!

In 2012, Natick collected more than 4000 tons of recyclables. For every 100 pounds of mixed paper that is recycled back into paper (a year of Sunday papers), we save 1 tree, 365 gallons of water, and the energy equivalent of 8.5 gallons of gasoline. One ton of glass made from 50% recycled materials saves 250 lbs. of mining waste. If we recycled every plastic bottle we used, we would keep 2 billion tons of plastic out of landfills. You have helped make our recycling program a success. Thank you!

## Curbside Recycling Is Now Single-Stream. \*



Alternate-week Curbside Recycling is for residents with DPW trash collection. The following items are collected:

- Paper: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, phonebooks, gift wrap (no foil wrap) and soft covered books
- Waxed containers (such as juice and milk cartons)
- Cardboard: Boxes and corrugated cardboard, flattened and cut up to 4' x 4' and tied
- Glass: bottles and jars
- Steel/Tin: all cans, bottle caps and lids
- Aluminum: cans, foil, pie plates and food trays
- All plastics numbered 1 to 7 (except Styrofoam). Look for these symbols:  to 

Barrels or other suitable containers may be used for all recyclables (items mentioned above) as long as they are clearly marked or have a sticker. After you receive your New tote from the town **ALL recyclables must be placed inside tote.**

These same items are also collected at the Recycling Center, which is open to all Natick residents, during regular hours of operation.

**\* Paper and other Recyclables can be placed in the same container.**



## Drop-off Recycling

All residents, with or without curbside collection of recyclables, may drop-off the same recyclables at the Recycling Center. In addition, the items listed below are accepted **only** at the Recycling Center. They will not be picked up curbside. Currently, **paper and cardboard** separated at the Recycling Center will bring additional revenue to the town.

### Accepted at the Recycling Center Only

Used motor oil    Yard Waste    Styrofoam  
Household, car, and button batteries  
Fluorescent and Compact bulbs  
Thermometers and Thermostats  
Books, Used Clothing, & paired shoes  
Rigid Plastics (see page 7 for details)

## Paint Swap Shed

The Paint Swap Shed accepts latex and oil base paints **only** – up to 5 gallons per resident per visit at the Recycling Center during regular hours (**no stains or thinners**). Residents must see attendant for assistance. Stains and thinners are accepted at Hazardous Waste Collection Day and are not allowed in trash. Paint Swap Shed is open April to Nov. For large quantities of paint, stains, or thinners bring them to Clean Harbors facility at 1 Hill Ave, Braintree MA 02184. Open on Saturdays from 8 AM-12 Noon at a cost of \$2.50/lbs.

## Hazardous Waste Materials

The center cannot and will not accept any Hazardous Waste Materials. If you have material which does not meet the above criteria, it should be taken to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the Natick Board of Health each Spring. Contact the Board of Health at 508.647.6460 for the next collection date.

**The Recycling Center is located on West Street at the corner of Route 27.** From downtown Natick, take Route 27 south for 1.3 miles and turn right on West St. The Recycling Center is on the left. Hours are Thursday & Friday 8 AM-12 Noon and Saturday & Sunday 8 AM - 3:30 PM (subject to change).

## Yard Waste

Curbside pick-up of yard waste (grass, leaves, brush, branches, etc.) is offered the first two weeks in May on your trash day. The 2013 Fall schedule is as follows: If your trash day is on Tuesday your yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 11; Wednesday will be on Nov. 18; Thursday will be on Nov. 25, and Friday will be on Dec. 2. Yard Waste must be in paper biodegradable bags or in rubbish barrels clearly marked "Yard Waste". **PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** There is also a composting area at the Recycling Center where residents can dispose of their yard waste year round. Free compost at Recycling Center when available.

## Yard Waste at the Recycling Center

- All vehicles using the yard waste facility must display a resident sticker or a one-time permission slip as provided for below. Proof of residency is required. Residency stickers may be obtained at the Recycling Center. One time permission slips can be obtained at the Department of Public Works (DPW), during regular business hours.
- Passenger cars, cars with trailers and pick-up trucks with trailers, (no dump trucks, regardless of size) will be allowed unlimited use of the facility. Included in this group of acceptable vehicles are station wagons and any sport utility vehicles.
- A resident can use company-owned, rental or borrowed pick-up trucks, including those registered in another town to dispose of Natick-generated yard waste if a one-time permission slip is obtained from DPW prior to the disposal date. Each permission slip will be valid for one calendar week only unless otherwise approved by DPW.
- Logs no greater than 8 inches in diameter will be accepted. Lumber, stumps and fencing will not be accepted. See attendant for additional directions and information.

**Office hours for the DPW are M 7 am – 7 pm, T/W/Th 7 am - 4 pm and Friday 7 am - 12 noon.**

## Backyard Composting



Backyard composting is a simple way to produce fertilizer for your lawn and garden, while dramatically reducing your weekly household waste. When combined in a compost pile, organic materials such as table scraps, vegetable trimmings, coffee grounds, egg shells, and fruit rinds, as well as lawn clippings and leaves, all break down to form earthy-smelling soil enrichment. Avoid composting meat, bones, fatty foods such as cheese, grease or cooking oil, dog feces, cat litter or diseased plants. Put these in the trash instead.

The Town of Natick has home composting bins for sale. They are lightweight, easy to assemble, and rodent proof. Each comes with composting instructions. They are made of 100% recycled detergent bottles and hold one cubic yard of material. They are available at the DPW, 75 West Street, during normal business hours.

\*\*\*\* Free compost at Recycling Center when available. It's great for your yard! \*\*\*\*

### Don't Trash Grass!

Save Time and Money! Reduce Waste!

- ◆ Did you know that a ½ acre lawn in New England produces over three tons or nearly 260 bags of grass clippings each year?
- ◆ The key word is “less”...less fertilizer, less water, less work, and best of all, less waste.
- ◆ You can have a healthy green lawn by leaving grass clippings where they fall.



### Mowing techniques and tips:

- Any mower can recycle grass clippings; simply remove the grass catcher
- If the grass gets too high, mow over the clippings
- Keep the mower blade sharp
- Keep your grass mowed to 2 1/2”- 3” tall
- Mow when the grass is dry
- Do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass in a single mowing
- If you follow these “Don't Trash Grass” tips, not only will you have a healthy lawn, you'll never have to bag grass clippings again.

## Christmas Tree Removal

Christmas Trees will be picked up during the first two weeks of January on your trash day. They must be bare (i.e. no decorations, no lights, and not in a plastic bag) and placed at curbside.

## Reducing Trash

Here are some simple ways to reduce the amount of trash you generate:

- ◆ Try to buy products sold in packaging that is recyclable.
- ◆ Avoid using disposable items such as plastic razors, Styrofoam cups and non-rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ Buy products with recycled-content such as stationery, office paper and household paper products.
- ◆ Purchase reusable bags or reuse paper bags for groceries. Don't double bag or take extra plastic bags for small items.
- ◆ Go online to [NatickRecycle.pbworks.com](http://NatickRecycle.pbworks.com) to see the Recycling A-Z list for a thorough list of how to recycle hundreds of different materials.



## Sanitation/Recycling/Yard Waste Policies

1. All household rubbish must be in approved Natick PAYT bags. The PAYT bag may be placed in a barrel to protect it from wildlife while waiting for pick-up. The Natick PAYT bag must be easy to pull out of the barrel, or it will not be collected. Trash in a commercial trash bag, whether or not in a barrel, will not be collected. **Pizza boxes will be collected if flattened and placed under your trash – do not place pizza boxes in a recycling bin.**
  2. All containers and/or bags must be out at curbside by **7:00 AM on collection day**. The collection trucks will pass down each street once and will not return for late collections. Property owners are responsible for cleaning up any rubbish caused by animals, etc.
  3. Holiday Collection Policy: Collection will be delayed one day following a non-Monday holiday in a given week. For example, if a holiday falls on Tuesday, that collection will be on Wednesday, and all subsequent days will be moved back one day. **Saturday, Sunday or Monday holidays do not affect trash pick-up.**
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## Bulky Waste

The Town of Natick provides bulky waste pick-ups every Monday with the exception of Monday holidays and during the Fall Leaf Collection Mondays for a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Appliances are \$25.00 each. Additional fees will be charged for large volumes of waste. To sign up for a bulky waste pick-up, you can come to the D.P.W. office and fill out an itemized list\*\* of the materials to be picked up or call for more information. **Payment in either cash or check for the quoted fee must arrive at the Department of Public Works on or before the Thursday prior to the Monday pick-up no later than 3:30 PM.**

\*\*To help itemize and estimate the cost of a bulky waste pick-up, go online to the Department of Public Works website ([NatickMA.gov](http://NatickMA.gov)) and under Departments, click Public Works, and under Additional Links, click "Forms and Applications" and print off the "Bulk Pickup Form" found at the end of the list in Public Works section.

*If it won't fit in a bag, it's considered a bulky item* and must be picked up by DPW for a fee. Bulky items include TV sets, computer monitors, furniture, carpet, etc. All items containing Freon (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) must be picked up by DPW for an additional fee. Watch for the annual Spring and Fall Electronics Recycling events.

The following items are **not** accepted for bulky waste pick-up:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ➤ Building demolition materials | ➤ Asphalt, Concrete         |
| ➤ Remodeling materials          | ➤ Bricks, Rocks, Dirt, etc. |
| ➤ Sheetrock                     | ➤ Roof Shingles             |
| ➤ Plaster                       | ➤ Pressure Treated Wood     |
| ➤ Insulation                    | ➤ Railroad Ties             |
| ➤ Paint                         | ➤ Hazardous Waste.          |

Call DPW with questions at 508-647-6550.

## Disposal of CRT's

### and Computers:



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) regulations state: Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) from television and computer monitors are prohibited from all Massachusetts solid waste disposal facilities. Thus Natick cannot accept them in trash collection. These are banned due to the lead content in the cathode ray tubes.

The Town of Natick will collect and recycle these items. Computers and televisions are \$25.00 each and are collected as bulky waste. Please call the Sanitation Division for information. These items will not be accepted at the Recycling Center.

The Natick Recycling Committee holds annual electronic recycling events, please check website for details, [NatickRecycle.pbworks.com](http://NatickRecycle.pbworks.com)

## Disposal of Propane Tanks:

The Town of Natick can dispose of old propane tanks. Arrangements can be made by calling the Sanitation Division of DPW. There is a \$5.00 per tank charge for disposal.

## Rigid Plastics:

Residents may bring acceptable Rigid Plastics (hard plastic items without the recycle number symbol) to the Recycling Center for recycling, including:

- Plastic toys and playhouses; pet carriers
- Plastic lawn furniture and landscape trays
- Plastic trash and garbage cans; toters
- Plastic electronic toys
- Plastic shelving and closet organizers
- Plastic coolers and flower pots (no soil)
- Plastic milk and soda crates; pallets

See website ([NatickRecycle.pbworks.com](http://NatickRecycle.pbworks.com)) for complete list of acceptable and unacceptable Rigid Plastic items.

## Mercury Recovery Program:



Products containing mercury pose a risk to all of us and can pollute our environment. Items such as thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches and button cell batteries, blood pressure machines and fluorescent bulbs all contain mercury and can be dropped off at the Recycling Center.

You can also exchange your old mercury thermometer for a free digital one at the Board of Health. Since the beginning of this program, mercury emissions have decreased 30% state-wide.

## Automotive Waste

Certain items from your car or truck can be disposed of or recycled.

1. Tires will be collected with or without metal rims at curbside on regular trash days. They may be put out next to your trash with a limit of two per week.
2. Car batteries can be brought to the Recycling Center.
3. Waste oil can be brought to the Recycling Center. Residents can bring up to five gallons per day. Businesses are not allowed to bring oil. To help reduce spillage and contamination, please bring your waste oil to the attendant at the Recycling Center. Residents are not allowed to pour waste oil into the Recycling Center storage container.

